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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Robert Rosenberg, Calvary Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, ruler of all things and all men, You have set all things to move in harmony; You desire that men dwell in unity and love.

Cause people everywhere to respect law and justice. Where people are unjust, inhuman, and cruel, send correction. Where they are at war, send peace.

Give to those whom You have placed in the seats of honor and power the blessing of sound judgment, the skill of making wise decisions, the patience to act in due time, and the tact for being mutually helpful.

May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our time, and our deepest trust be in You, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The 1-minute will be at the end of the legislative business today.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND ROBERT ROSENBERG AS GUEST CHAPLAIN

(Mr. PETRI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Robert Rosenberg, who has just delivered the opening prayer.

Pastor Rosenberg is a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which is in my district, and has been the pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh since 1973.

He graduated from Iowa's Wartburg College and its Theological Seminary in 1965. Pastor Rosenberg is active in the community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Oshkosh, and is also the volunteer chaplain for the Oshkosh Police Department. He and his wife have three children.

We appreciate Pastor Rosenberg's giving the prayer today.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 4205, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, today a "Dear Colleague" letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of May 15 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 4205, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2001.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Committee on Armed Services on May 10. That amendment in the nature of a substitute is available at the Committee on Armed Services and will be posted on their web site by 12 noon tomorrow.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 497 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 701.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 701) to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes, with Mr. LATOURETTE (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Wednesday, May 10, 2000, amendment No. 18, printed in House Report 106-612, by the gentleman

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